

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA
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5 In Re: Bard IVC Filters) MD-15-02641-PHX-DGC
6 Products Liability Litigation)
7) Phoenix, Arizona
8) May 15, 2018
9 Doris Jones, an individual,) 1:11 p.m.
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11 Plaintiff,)
12) CV 16-00782-PHX-DGC
13 vs.)
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15 C.R. Bard, Inc., a New)
16 Jersey corporation; and Bard)
17 Peripheral Vascular, Inc., an)
18 Arizona corporation,)
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20 Defendants.)
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BEFORE: THE HONORABLE DAVID G. CAMPBELL, JUDGE

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1 I think we have all heard of them. Most of us have friends and
2 relatives that have suffered from them. They are a pervasive
3 and life threatening medical condition that unfortunately
4 affects too many of us and too many of the people we love.

5 Deep vein thrombosis are blood clots develop in the legs, the 03:11PM
6 lower extremities. We often hear about deep vein thrombosis or
7 DVT from people who are riding on airplanes for long distances.
8 We have all been told or read if you are riding on the
9 airplane, get up and walk around, drink lots of water. It's to
10 avoid that condition, deep vein thrombosis. It's not just 03:11PM
11 airplane flights. There are many other things and health
12 conditions that can cause that.

13 Deep vein thrombosis, while usually treatable, can
14 quickly become fatal if it develops into pulmonary embolism.
15 And that's when the blood clots in the leg break free and 03:11PM
16 travel up and clog either the heart or the lungs, this massive
17 clot, and it kills people. It kills people in this country
18 every day.

19 Each year due to DVT, approximately two million of our
20 fellow citizens are affected. Up to 600,000 people a year are 03:12PM
21 hospitalized. And doctors and experts estimate that as many as
22 2- to 300,000 people die from pulmonary emboli caused by deep
23 vein thrombosis every year. 33 percent, one-third of all
24 people who have had an incident of DVT are going to have a
25 recurrent DVT in the future. 03:12PM

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1 And I have always been shocked by this particular
2 statistic: DVT-related pulmonary embolism is the leading cause
3 of preventable hospital deaths in United States hospitals. It
4 is a serious issue, an issue that the medical community and the
5 government recognizes.

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6 In 2008, the United States Surgeon General issued a
7 call to arms because they were so alarmed about the deaths and
8 the problem of pulmonary embolism in our country. They noted
9 the seriousness of the disease. They noted that it causes more
10 deaths in this country each year than breast cancer, than AIDS,
11 or even motor vehicle accidents. And they said that the status
12 quo is unacceptable. And they also recognized that inferior
13 vena cava filters, like the Eclipse Filter, are an appropriate
14 method of treating this disease in a number of patients.

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15 And it is to treat that disease, that life-threatening
16 disease, that the men and women of Bard developed retrievable
17 inferior vena cava filters, including fourth generation filter,
18 the Eclipse.

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19 Now, as Mr. O'Connor indicated, the inferior vena cava
20 is the largest vein in the body. It's that big blue vein that
21 comes up the center. The veins from your legs feed into it,
22 merge, and meet into the inferior vena cava and it returns the
23 blood from the lower legs up to the heart. The filter is
24 implanted, and you can see approximately where it is implanted,
25 not far from the kidneys. It's implanted in patients to break

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